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233 Hughson St
Hamilton 2nd Dec^r 1876

My dear Uncle & Aunt

No doubt you have
often wondered how I am
getting along with my business
and now that I have had
six months trial of it, I am
happy to say, I have done
very well considering the general
depression in trade and mostly
every one complaining of hard
times, I have been enabled to
pay all my expences and clear
off some of the debt I incurred
and I expect by the end of

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this month to have paid all
up within \$20 and dear Uncle
if it is not putting you to any
inconvenience I would like to
hold the loan I had from you
for other six months, when
I trust if spared in the Provid-
-ence of God to refund with interest
the favour I so kindly received
from you.

Trusting you
are all ^{enjoying} good health.

I wish you all a very merry
Christmas and a happy new
Year

And remain ever
My dear Uncle & Aunt
Your Affec^{te} Nephew
George Mercer Bell